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In the application as originally filed, please replace the Table 9 at page 31,  
between lines 6 and 21, with the following re-written Table 9:

**--Table 9  
Suppleness**

<u>Sample</u>		<u>% SAP</u>	<u>Suppleness</u>	<u>Density</u>
			(g <sup>-1</sup> )	(g/cc)
C1		39	0.74	0.38
C11		15	0.792	0.36
C12		28	0.898	0.36
C13		42	1.235	0.38
Concert 500		45	0.612	0.12
Concert 280		30	1.429	0.17
Buckeye 44500		40	0.374	0.17
Huggies®		36	0.890	0.15
Pampers®		42	0.727	0.12

In the application as originally filed, please replace the heading "**Example 11**"  
at page 33, line 1, with the following heading: **--Example 10--**.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

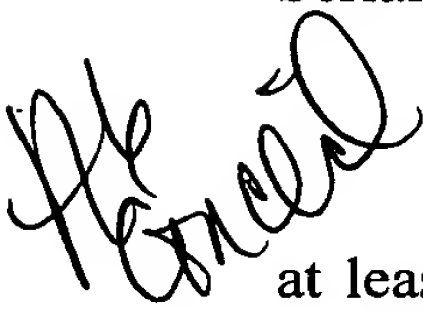
Please cancel claims 1-11, 15-17, 19, 20, 22-24, 26-29, 33, 36-38, 40-44, 46,  
47, 49, and 50.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) The material of claim 12 that has normalized drying power  
energy of at least about 6000 ergs/g.

Please amend claim 14 has been amended as follows:

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 14. (Amended) The material of claim 12 at has normalized wicking energy of  
at least about 3000 ergs/g.

 Please amend claim 18 has been amended as follows:

18. (Amended) The material of claim 12 wherein the cellulosic fibers have a  
relative crystallinity of less than about 60 percent.

 Please amend claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (Amended) The material of claim 12 wherein at least some of the  
cellulosic fibers are obtained from pulp having a Kappa value of less than about 75.

 Please amend claim 25 has been amended as follows:

25. (Amended) The material of claim 12 wherein at least some of the  
cellulosic fibers have been made by a process that includes the step of treating a  
liquid suspension of pulp at a temperature of from about 15°C to about 60°C with an  
aqueous alkali metal salt solution having an alkali metal salt concentration of from  
about 2 weight percent to about 25 weight percent of said solution for a period of  
time ranging from about 5 minutes to about 60 minutes.

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (Amended) The material of claim 12 having a basis weight of from about  
100 g/m<sup>2</sup> to about 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

 Please amend claim 31 as follows:

31. (Amended) The material of claim 12 having a basis weight of from about  
350 g/m<sup>2</sup> to about 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

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32. (Amended) The material of claim 12 having a density of from about 0.30 to about 0.45 g/cc.

Please amend claim 34 as follows:

34. (Amended) The material of claim 12 that contains from about 20 to about 40 weight percent superabsorbent material.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) The material of claim 12 that has normalized drying power energy of at least 7000 ergs/g.

Please amend claim 39 as follows:

39. (Amended) The material of claim 12 that has normalized wicking energy of at least 3500 ergs/g.

Please amend claim 45 as follows:

45. (Amended) The material of claim 12 that has a suppleness of greater than about 0.8 g<sup>-1</sup>.

Please amend claim 48 as follows:

48. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising the absorbent material of claim 12.